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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

This is a first office action in response to application no. 09/927,743 filed on August 10, 2001 in which claims 1-12 are presented for examination.

ABSTRACT

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the phrase "the invention concerns" should be deleted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application

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by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Oku et al. (US Patent no. 6,710,817).

Regarding claim 1, Oku discloses a method of creating a compatible analog signal which may carry a digital video signal on an existing analog video system (See col. 3, lines 33-38), including a video compression step responsive to said digital video signal to provide a compressed video signal (See col. 1, lines 35-38); and a digital to analog formatter step responsive to said compressed video signal and providing said compatible analog signal which may be utilized by said analog video system (See fig. 1, DAC 16, and col. 7, lines 37-44).

As per claims 2-3, Oku discloses a method of creating one of an NTSC or PAL or SECAM compatible analog signal which may carry video signal on an existing analog video a digital HDTV system (See col. 10, lines 29-40) including a video compression

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step responsive to said digital HDTV video signal to provide a compressed video signal (See col. 1, lines 35-55, and col. 2, lines 53-64); and a digital to analog formatter step responsive to said compressed video signal and providing said NTSC or PAL or SECAM compatible analog signal which may be utilized by said analog video system (See col. 11, lines 32-45 and col. 7, lines 36-44).

Regarding claim 4, Oku discloses a method of carrying digital information as a analog signal which includes synchronizing information according to a standard, said method including compressing said digital information; encoding said compressed digital information as a quasidigital signal; selecting ones of said synchronizing information necessary for a signal to adhere to said standard; combining said quasidigital signal and said selected ones of said synchronizing information to produce said analog signal (See col. 12, lines 9-32, col. 11, lines 63-67).

As per claims 5-6, Oku further provides analog signal is a television video signal having horizontal and vertical synchronizing pulses and color burst (See col. 10, lines 48-55).

As per claims 7-12, Oku's quasidigital signal carries digitized audio and digitized video in MPEG form (See col. 5, lines 29-34, line 67, col. 6, lines 1-9).

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Vaughan (US Patent no. 5774193) teaches digital television (HDTV) and analog television (NTSC) broadcast systems combined for simultaneous broadcast.

Ducret (US Patent no. 4870489) teaches NTSC compatible HDTV transmission system.

Saitoh et al. (US Patent no. 4953025) teaches apparatus for defining an effective picture area of a high definition video signal when displayed on a screen with a different aspect ratio.

Tanaka et al. (US Patent no. 6020927) teaches video signal format converter.

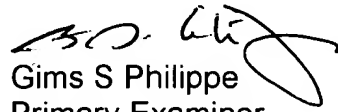
Tarnoff et al. (US Patent no. 6611293) teaches method and apparatus for synchronization of ancillary information in film conversion.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gims S Philippe whose telephone number is (703) 305-1107. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-7:00) Second Monday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris S Kelley can be reached on (703) 305-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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